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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Stacie Marshall** (NA60084724) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for a controlled substance during a urinalysis.

Cowlitz County

In September 2010 the Counseling Program granted the application of agency affiliated counselor **Raymond J. Sellek, III** (CG60179291) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of making a false statement to a public servant, taking a motor vehicle without permission, assault — domestic violence on more than one occasion, possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia on more than one occasion, and possession of a controlled substance — marijuana. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Grant County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Wesley Q. Ballard** (NC10027511) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of delivery of a controlled substance — cocaine on more than one occasion.

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Grays Harbor County

In October 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Emily A.** Leach (NC10095587) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft.

King County

In September 2010 the Counseling Program granted the application of agency affiliated counselor **David Frances Benishek** (CG60126191) and placed his registration on probation for one year. He entered into deferred prosecution for assault. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In October 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged **Drea Lynne Gibson** (ES00112858) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted and consumed a controlled substance from her place of employment, and practiced as a registered nurse while under the influence of the controlled substance. She was convicted of product tampering.

In September 2010 the East Asian Medicine Practitioner Program terminated the order of probation against **Phavikone Sundara** (AC00002249).

In September 2010 the Surgical Technologist Program placed the registration of **Sabdaniayu Tarigan** (ST00003280) on probation for two years. She administered drugs to a patient. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Kitsap County

In September 2010 the Board of Physical Therapy denied the application of **Jerry C. Kaiserman** (PT00003310). He failed to submit a required evaluation.

In October 2010 the Massage Program charged **Alexa J. Lee** (MA00024600) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

Lincoln County

In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program reinstated the credential of emergency medical technician **Brian D. Kunz** (ES01168888).

In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered into an agreed order with intermediate life support technician **Amie M. Snider** (ES01165680) and placed conditions against her credential. She called fraudulent prescriptions in to several pharmacies for controlled substances. She was convicted of solicitation to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

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Pend Oreille County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Bowdeen Mac Arthur** (NC10081499) on probation for three years. She was convicted of animal cruelty and failed to disclose the conviction on her initial application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

San Juan County

In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program granted the application of emergency medical technician **John B. Howard** (ES60168090) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was charged with criminal trespass, and entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement for the charge. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Snohomish County

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of registered nurse **Robin Marie Anderson** (RN00077496) and placed her license on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Brandy L. Brooks** (NC10062085).

Spokane County

In September 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program reinstated the credential of **Alonda L. Moran** (LH00006771, RC00012699).

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **James L. Sale** (NA00192552, NC60017246) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly became angry with a patient, used inappropriate language toward the patient, and failed to completely render care to the patient.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Mysti R. Snyder** (NC10036904). She was convicted of conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance — crack cocaine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Thurston County

In September 2010 the Dental Hygiene Program terminated the order of probation against **Cheryl Clark** (DH00006371).

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Whatcom County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Sonja D. Nadeau** (NC10076199) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly consumed alcohol and was intoxicated on more than one occasion while providing care for a patient in her home. She was also convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion.

In September 2010 the Nursing Commission reinstated registered nurse **Max Duane Whipple** (RN00124872) and placed his license on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Yakima County

In September 2010 the Board of Psychology charged **Robert M. Newell** (PY00002931) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to respond to requests for documents, records, and written responses during an investigation of complaints of unprofessional conduct.

In September 2010 the Surgical Technologist Program reinstated the registration of **Basilisa Pacheco** (ST00000927).

Out of State

Alaska: In September 2010 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Traci Anne Phillips** (RN60177196) and placed conditions against her license. She entered into an agreed order with the State of Alaska Board of Nursing. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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